

## SCIENTISTS FLOCK TO CITY FOR CONVENTION

Annual Meeting of National Academy Opens at the Museum Tomorrow.

Scientists from all parts of the country have arrived in Washington to attend the annual meeting of the National Academy of Sciences, which opens tomorrow morning at the New National Museum.

The convention will continue three days. All sessions will be open to the public.

The National Academy of Sciences is composed of 140 astronomers, geologists, mathematicians, chemists, physicists, anthropologists, zoologists, botanists, and those engaged in other lines of scientific endeavor.

One of its objects is to investigate and report on any subject of science or art when called upon by any department of the Government. The most recent example of the organization's activity was the investigation and report on the Panama canal slides.

Dr. Charles R. Van Hise, of the University of Wisconsin, will open the convention on this investigation, and H. Fielding Reid, of Johns Hopkins University will lecture on "The Mechanics of the Panama Slides."

The program includes two lectures on "The Origin and Evolution of Life on the Earth," to be delivered by Henry Fairfield Osborn, president of the American Museum of Natural History, of New York, and papers dealing with astronomy, the study of plant and animal life, exploration, weather phenomena, and other interesting phases of scientific study, will be presented.

Among the speakers will be Dr. Simon Flexner, of the Rockefeller Institute, New York, who will speak on "Finer Mechanisms of Protection From Infection," William M. Davis, of Cambridge, Mass., who will speak on "Exploration of the Pacific," and W. J. Briggs, president of the Philosophical Society of Washington, on "A New Method of Determining Gravity at Sea."

C. F. Marvin, chief of the Weather Bureau, will speak on "Marine Meteorology and the Atmosphere," J. W. Fewkes, of the Bureau of American Ethnology, on "The Pacific as a Field for Anthropological Investigation," H. H. Donaldson, of the Water Institute of Anatomy, Philadelphia, on "Studies in the Water Content of the Nervous System," George E. Hale, of the solar observatory, Pasadena, Cal., on "Some Recent Results of Solar Research," and C. G. Abbott, of the Smithsonian Institution, on "The Pyranometer, an Instrument for the Measurement of Sky Radiation."

The subject assigned to Edwin H. Hall, of Harvard University, is the "Theory of Electric Conduction in Metals." F. R. Moulton, of the University of Chicago, will speak on "The Evolution of the Stars." Dr. Carl L. Alsberg, chief of the United States Bureau of Chemistry, on "The Relation of the Food and Drug Act," and Dr. Erwin F. Smith, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, on his experiments as to the relation of crown gall in plants to cancer.

**Pawnshop in Paris Hit Hard by Lack of Funds**

PARIS, April 15.—The war has caused a crisis in the affairs of the Mont de Piete in France.

A decision was taken some time back by the French authorities not to allow the Mont de Piete, during the continuance of the war, to sell any of the articles placed in pawn by its clients. This step was promoted by admirable motives, but, unfortunately, it has adversely reacted upon the wives and mothers and aged fathers of the men at the front—the very persons it was meant to serve.

Deprived of the profits from the sale of pledged articles, the Mont de Piete was immediately confronted with the rate of interest charged on their detention, and now a further increase has come into force.

**Treasury Ruling a Blow To Savers of Coupons**

A serious blow was dealt tobacco and cigarette coupon savers by a Treasury Department ruling last night. Officials hold that companies which do not place coupons in every package they ship cannot distribute any coupons whatsoever.

The universal coupon distribution system must be adhered to, the Treasury says, even though some of the States into which cigarettes, tobacco and snuff are shipped specifically prohibit coupons in any form and provide punishment for their circulation.

The manufacturers, it is said, must now discontinue the distribution of coupons or run the risk of violating the Treasury ruling or the State statutes forbidding the giving of coupons with purchases.

**Five Murderers Appeal To State for Clemency**

HARRISBURG, April 15.—Two applications for commutation of sentences of electrocution, one application for a rehearing by a man condemned to be hanged and granted a reprieve, and two applications for pardon for second degree murderers are listed for the State board of pardons' session on Wednesday.

There are twenty-one new cases on the list, six applications for rehearing and two cases held under advisement.

**Widow Finds \$2,000 In a Picture Frame**

REDONDO BEACH, Cal., April 15.—Two thousand dollars in dust-laden greenbacks came as a windfall to Mrs. Martha Alderson, a widow. While housecleaning, she took a picture from a frame to adjust the glass. Noticing a fold of heavy paper lining the back of the frame, she tore the covering off and rolls of greenbacks fell out.

The picture, a reproduction of the "Madonna of the Chair," had been bequeathed to her by her father twenty-three years ago.

**Fifty Russian Warplanes Raid Austrian Towns**

PETROGRAD, April 15.—The greatest fleet of Russian aeroplanes assembled for an attack since the beginning of the war raided the village of Suczka, northeast of Czernowitz, near the Austro-Rumanian frontier, the war office announced. Fifty aeroplanes took part in the raid, dropping bombs. All returned successfully.

## Evening Services in the Churches

Foundry M. E. Church, Sixteenth and Church streets northwest, Rev. W. R. Wedderspoon. "Big Dividends," 8 p. m.

Hamline M. E. Church, Ninth and P streets northwest, Rev. Lucius C. Clark. "Patriots' Day" celebration, 8 p. m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Columbia road and Euclid street northwest. "The Doctrine of Atonement," 8 p. m.

Second Church of Christ, Scientist, Fifteenth and R streets northwest. "The Doctrine of Atonement," 8 p. m.

Centennial Baptist Church, Rev. E. H. Swern. "How Washington Men Make Women Weep," 8 p. m.

Grace Episcopal Church, Wisconsin avenue and South street, Georgetown, Rev. George W. Atkinson, Jr. Even song and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Tenth and G streets northwest, Rt. Rev. William T. Russell. Explanation of the "Seven Last Words," Rev. John M. McNamara, 7:30 p. m.

Union M. E. Church, Twentieth street, near Pennsylvania avenue, Rev. John MacMurray. "Palm Branches and Hosannas," 8 p. m.

Second Baptist Church, Fourth street and Virginia avenue southeast, Rev. Howard I. Stewart. "The Greatest Question of the Day," 7:45 p. m.

Petworth Baptist Church, Seventh and Randolph streets northwest. Sermon by the Rev. Paul B. Clark, of Cincinnati, 7:45 p. m.

First Presbyterian Church, John Marshall place and C street northwest, Rev. John Brittan Clark. "The Temptation of Jesus," 8 p. m.

Shiloh Baptist Church, L street, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets northwest, Rev. J. Milton Waldron. "The Attractive Cross," 8 p. m.

All Souls' Unitarian Church, Fourteenth and L streets northwest, Rev. Ulysses G. B. Pierce. Liberal Religious Union. Address by Grosvenor Dawe, "Tollers of the Soil," 8 p. m.

Metropolitan Baptist Church, Sixth and A streets northeast, Rev. John Compton Ball. "The Crown of Calvary, the World's Wonder," 7:45 p. m.

Church of the New Jerusalem, Sixteenth and Corcoran streets northwest, Rev. Paul Sperry. Religious address by Rev. Charles W. Harvey, of Philadelphia, on "The Certainty of the Hereafter," 8 p. m.

Church of the Covenant, Connecticut avenue, Eighteenth and N streets northwest, Rev. Charles Wood. "The King All-Glorious," 8 p. m.

Central Union Mission, 622 Louisiana avenue northwest. Address by Congressman Smith of Idaho, 7:30 p. m.

Vermont Avenue Christian Church, Vermont avenue, near N street northwest, Rev. Earle Wilfey. "Jesus and the Multitude," 8 p. m.

Ninth Street Christian Church, Ninth and D streets northeast, Rev. George A. Miller. "A Mistaken Angel," 7:45 p. m.

Grace Baptist Church, Ninth and D streets southeast, Rev. F. W. Johnson. "Life More Abundantly," 7:45 p. m.

Mt. Vernon Place M. E. Church, South, Ninth street and Massachusetts avenue, Rev. Edward K. Hardin. "The Seawall of the Moral Life," 8 p. m.

Calvary M. E. Church, Columbia road, near Fourteenth street northwest, Rev. James Shera Montgomery. "The Modern Hamlet," 8 p. m.

Douglas Memorial M. E. Church, Eleventh and H streets northeast, Rev. C. C. McLean. Sermon on "Turning Points in a Young Man's Life," Rev. J. Henry Smythe, of Philadelphia, 7:30 p. m.

McKendree M. E. Church, Massachusetts avenue, near Ninth street northwest, Rev. L. Morgan Chambers. "Figs and Foliage," 8 p. m.

Wesley Chapel M. E. Church, Fifth and F streets northwest, Rev. Howard F. Downs. "A Day of Decision," 8 p. m.

Maryland Avenue Baptist Church, Fourteenth street and Maryland avenue northeast, Rev. Harry J. Goodwin. "Why I Believe in the Church," 8 p. m.

Immanuel Baptist Church, Sixteenth street and Columbia road, Rev. Gove Griffith Johnson. "The Unanswerable Argument," 8 p. m.

West Washington Baptist Church, Thirty-first and N streets, Georgetown, Rev. B. D. Gaw. Sermon by Rev. J. F. Love of Richmond, at 7:45 p. m.

First Baptist Church, Sixteenth and O streets northwest, Rev. W. M. McMaster. "The Most Amazing Appeal in History," 8 p. m.

Eckington Presbyterian Church, North Capitol, Florida avenue and O street northwest, Rev. Henry E. Brundage. "The Faith That Won," (scripture illustrated), 7:45 p. m.

Washington Heights Presbyterian Church, Columbia and Kalorama roads northwest, Rev. John C. Palmer. "Christ's Appeal to Doubters," 7:45 p. m.

New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York avenue, Thirtieth and H streets northwest, Rev. Wallace Radcliffe. "The Lamp That Burneth and Shinereth," sermon by the Rev. F. W. Loetscher, 8 p. m.

Ingram Memorial Congregational Church, Tenth street and Massachusetts avenue northeast, Rev. Lewis E. Purdum. "The Magnetism of Jesus," 8 p. m.

Northminster Presbyterian Church, Eleventh street and Rhode Island avenue northwest, Rev. S. A. Bower. "The Crucifixion," 7:45 p. m.

Fourth Presbyterian Church, Thirteenth and Fairmont streets northwest, Rev. Joseph T. Kelly. "The Calls of God," by Rev. Robert V. Miller, 8 p. m.

## No Gooseberries From Bush Grafted on Elm

COTTONWOOD FALLS, Kan., April 15.—A wild gooseberry bush has been growing more than forty-seven years in the forks of a big white elm tree on the farm of Arthur Lee, near this town.

How the gooseberry bush became grafted on the elm nobody knows. It was discovered by Mr. Lee's father when he homesteaded on the farm. At first it was not given much attention, but of late years it has been carefully guarded. Each year the bush sends out leaves and blossoms, but never, so far as known, has borne any fruit.

It is supposed that a seed of the wild gooseberry fell into a cavity of the tree and took root, the roots finally grafting themselves on the tree. There is no sign of a cavity now, however, the bush appearing at first to be simply a branch of the tree. It is twenty feet above the ground.

## Newspapermen Learn Of U. S. Navy in Action

"The American Navy in Action" was the subject of an illustrated lecture given by Lieut. Byron McCandless, U. S. N., office of the Bureau of Operations, at the National Press Club last night. A feature of the naval officer's talk related to the practice of gun firing aboard war vessels.

Lieutenant McCandless told of the many elements which have to be figured on accurately so as to obtain results in the firing of a gun, the speed of the ship, the velocity of the wind, even the moisture and the condition of the atmosphere at various altitudes entering into the calculation necessary in aiming. Lieutenant McCandless was in charge of the gunnery on the battleship Michigan, which last year won first place in the navy for the best engineering and gunnery test.

## Two Washington Citizens Make Remarkable Statements

"For months I have lived on Rye bread and hot water," said Mrs. Mary Beatty, of 1313 F street northwest, who is well known in this city. "My stomach and digestive organs were in such bad shape that any solid food caused me untold agonies in the way of gas forming, sourness, burning, heavy, distressed feeling. I was constipated all the time, nervous, had pains in my limbs and condition. I had tried many medicines and had several doctors prescribe for me, but I want to say that two bottles of Dr. Cass' Kidney and Bladder Pills have done me more good than all of these. The first bottle helped me so much I was convinced it was the very medicine I needed. I can now eat most anything I crave, and digest it without any discomfort afterward. I have no more gas or sourness, nor heavy distressed feeling. The constipation is fully relieved, and I am gaining strength every day. It was a lucky day for me when I first read in the Washington paper the statement of a man praising Dr. Cass' Kidney and Bladder Pills."

"Dr. Cass' great reconstructive tonic and body builder, is sold at all the 'Donnell Drug Stores, Allen's Drug Store in Alexandria, Bury's Drug Store in Anacostia, Price, \$1.00 a bottle. Out-of-town people can order by mail."

Mr. C. Thomas, of 1306 East Capitol street, who for a long time has been a motorman on the F street line, and one of the most popular men in the employ of the W. & E. Company, is another railway man to come out in a strong endorsement of Dr. Cass' great tonic. "For a long time," said Mr. Thomas, "I have suffered from Catarrh and Constipation, and this gas filling up my stomach. I have taken lots of different medicines, but none of them did me much good till I began taking Dr. Cass' Kidney and Bladder Pills. It helped me right from the start. I have now taken five bottles and can truthfully say after this thorough trial, that it has done me entirely well, as I don't have to hawk and spit as before and the dripping into my throat has almost ceased entirely. I have no more trouble with constipation at all, and never have any gas formation. In fact, I am a well man again. My appetite is splendid, and I have gained five pounds in weight. There is nothing too good I can say about Dr. Cass' Kidney and Bladder Pills. I believe in it all the way through."

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# What National Advantage Do Private Armor Plants Serve?

To the Members of Congress:

THE HON. H. A. HERBERT, then Secretary of the Navy, reported to Congress in 1896:

"The present size and strength of our navy is not so efficient a factor in keeping the public peace and in creating respect for our country abroad as is our capacity to rapidly increase that navy to any required extent."

THE PRESENT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY says to Congress, in his last annual report, that one of the lessons of the present war is that

"We must enlarge factories in which munitions can be manufactured, with everything in readiness to increase the large reserve in case it should be necessary."

The foregoing are sound doctrines. They have been found to be sound by every great nation in the world.

Yet it is proposed to adopt a policy in building armor, the vital feature of a battleship's equipment, which will effectively destroy the large existing armor manufacturing capacity in this country.

SENATOR TILLMAN, while conducting the recent inquiry into the cost of armor, very accurately stated:

"If the Government enters into its own armor manufacture itself, it will destroy your business, in that respect at least."

"It would be much better if we should have the manufacturers supply the Government at a reasonable price."

We are prepared to supply armor at a price which the Government itself shall decide to be reasonable.

This is said to be a "death-bed repentance."

That is a phrase. What we propose is a responsible business proposition to which we are prepared to agree for an indefinite period.

We want to protect ourselves against the loss of our existing investment, and at the same time save the Government an unnecessary expense.

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